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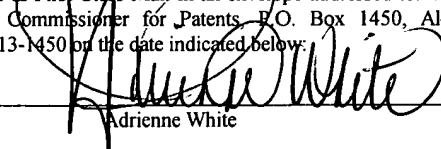
**AMENDMENT & RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION
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Dear Commissioner:

This is in response to the Office Action dated December 1, 2006. The shortened statutory period for response is three months from the mailing of the Office Action, *i.e.*, by March 1, 2007, and this timely paper is being submitted within one month after that period. A petition for a one-month extension of time and associated fee are submitted herewith. Please enter the following remarks into the record for this application.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 7 of this paper.

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